

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 and ADD new claim 22 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for reading electronic mails, comprising:
a storing unit storing unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;
a managing module creating an unread mail list containing a list of each electronic mail having an "unread" state that was unread at a certain first time based on the unread/already-read information ~~at a predetermined timing, and upon a reading of one of the electronic mails after the predetermined timing the state of "unread" being not changed,~~
wherein the list of electronic mail in the created unread mail list is unchanged until a later second time even if an already-read condition of an electronic mail in the created unread mail list is fulfilled before the later second time; and
a controller controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail ~~with the state of "unread" on~~ contained in the created unread mail list.
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 1, wherein said storing unit stores the state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding electronic mail as the unread/already-read information, and
said controller executes a process displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a display according to a request for reading the registered electronic mail.
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 2, wherein said controller specifies the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list corresponding to the request by use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a display controller displaying a screen for searching the electronic mail with the

state of "unread" on the list managed by said managing module on said display.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 4, wherein said list holds information of the plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order, a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list, and said display controller displays the screen searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point of which reading the body of the electronic mail is requested.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 2, wherein said list is deleted on the basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program executable by the computer to perform a method for causing the computer to function as a device for reading electronic mails, the method comprising:

storing unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;

creating an unread mail list containing a list of each electronic mail having an "unread" state that was unread at a certain first time on the basis of the unread/already-read information setting a predetermined timing, and upon a reading of one of the electronic mails after the predetermined timing the state of "unread" being not changed,

wherein the list of electronic mail in the created unread mail list is unchanged until a later second time even if an already-read condition of an electronic mail in the created unread mail list is fulfilled before the later second time; and

controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on contained in the created unread mail list.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage medium according to claim 8, wherein said storing stores the state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding

electronic mail as the unread/already-read information, and

said controlling executes a process displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a display according to a request reading the registered electronic mail.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage medium according to claim 9, wherein said controlling specifies the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list" corresponding to the request by use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage medium according to claim 8, further comprising displaying a screen for searching the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list on said display.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage medium according to claim 11, wherein said list holds information of the plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order,

a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list, and

said displaying displays the screen searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point of which reading the body of the electronic mail is requested.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage medium according to claim 9, wherein said list is deleted on the basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling reading electronic mails, comprising:

storing unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;

creating an unread mail list containing a list of each electronic mail having an "unread"

state that was unread at a certain first time on the basis of the unread/already-read information setting a predetermined timing, and upon a reading of one of the electronic mails after the predetermined timing the state of "unread" being not changed,

wherein the list of electronic mail in the created unread mail list is unchanged until a later second time even if an already-read condition of an electronic mail in the created unread mail list is fulfilled before the later second time; and

controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on contained in the created unread mail list.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 15, wherein said storing stores the state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding electronic mail as the unread/already-read information, and

said controlling executes a process displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a display according to a request reading the registered electronic mail.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 16, wherein said controlling specifies the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list corresponding to the request by use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 15, further comprising displaying a screen for searching the electronic mail with the state of "unread" on the list on said display.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 18, wherein said list holds information of the plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order, a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list, said displaying displays the screen searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point of which reading the body of the electronic mail is

requested.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 16, ~~deletes~~ deleting said list ~~is deleted~~ on the basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

22. (NEW) A device for reading mail, comprising:
a storing unit storing unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received mails;
a managing module creating an unread mail list of mail that was unread at a certain first time based on the unread/already-read information,
wherein the list of mail in the created unread mail list is unchanged until a later second time even if an already-read condition of a mail in the created unread mail list is fulfilled before the later second time; and
a controller controlling a management of reading of mail that is listed in the created unread mail list.